

TITAN YOUNG GUNS FIRE AT LIVERPOOL

Last weekend a small army of up and coming swimmers from the Titans youth academy ascended in convoy to the new 50m Pool at Wavertree in Liverpool to compete against some of the best young swimmers from around the North West. By the end of the weekend 21 personal best times had been smashed, 7 medals had been won and a number of all time club records had been broken.

Isobel Mellings, aged 9, from Bronington School, supported her claim to being the fastest young breaststroke swimmer in the County by smashing her personal best times and breaking the Titan 9/u Girls records in both the 50m & 100m breaststroke events in 0:52.69 and 1:54.06 respectively. Both of these records had previously been held by her sister Annie – a gold medallist at the 2008 Shropshire County Championships. She is now number one in the Shropshire County rankings in both events.

Natalie Greene also aged 9, from St Peters primary school in Wem, established a new Club record in the 9/u Girls 100m Freestyle of 1:37.24. In the 100m breaststroke she achieved a personal best time of 2:05.99 – placing her second in the Shropshire rankings, behind Isabel.

Commenting on her swim Natalie said “This was my first competitive gala and I’m thrilled to have recorded a new club record.”.

Titans head coach Jon Pardoe said “Both Isobel and Natalie demonstrated their significant potential and I’m delighted for them. It’s great that the Titans now have the best two 9/u girls breaststroke swimmers in the County.”

Also swimming for the Ellesmere College Titans were Annie Jones, Lauren Bond, Otilie Fairhurst, Abi Fawcett, Hannah Greene and Alfie Pardoe..

Overall the Titans were competing against swimmers from over 50 other clubs.

Further details about joining the Ellesmere Titans can be found on their website www.ellesmeretitans.co.uk or by telephoning Jon Pardoe on 07903 641668. Further details on scholarships and places at Ellesmere College can be obtained from the College Admissions Secretary on 01691 622321 or by email at admissions.secretary@ellesmere.com.

Notes to Editor

The Ellesmere College Titans Swimming Club was established in 2008, as a meeting of minds, between Ellesmere College – a school with a great sporting heritage and the parents of some of the top young swimmers in Shropshire, united in their desire to create an ambitious, positive and competitive swimming club.

The result: A centre of swimming excellence in the heart of the North Shropshire countryside. To maintain this standard the Club adopts and implements a selective membership policy, to ensure that all swimmers share the same goal of achieving swimming success at the highest level. The emphasis is on quality not quantity of swimmers, with the Club limiting its total swimming membership to 28 - ranging from children as young as 8 upwards. In such an environment a great deal of one to one coaching can be given to individual swimmers, and productive use can be made of underwater video analysis and specialist training equipment. Ellesmere College was founded in 1884 and is part of the Woodard Group – the largest grouping of public schools in the UK. Over the years it has been responsible for producing some of the British sporting greats including ex-England Rugby captain Bill Beaumont. It is hoped that it will produce the next generation of British swimming greats.

Photos: 1) 024 Isabel Mellings and Natalie Greene ..

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